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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the present application, which is a continuation of parent application number 09/492,891, filed, January 27, 2000, please amend the present application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-35 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims 36-55 (a copy of the new claims is attached herewith):

36. (New) A modular electrical component, comprising:

a base unit having:

a plurality of first terminal members; and

a plurality of second terminal members connectable to conductors

in an electrical wiring system;